

In addition, please replace the Sequence Listing beginning at page 28 of the specification with the attached Sequence Listing.

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to examination of this application. Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-22 will remain pending in this application.

Early and favorable action on the merits of this application is earnestly solicited.

If additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment or the accompanying Sequence Listing Submission, such as fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-4300; Order No. 032301.1171.

Respectfully submitted,

SMITH, GAMBRELL & RUSSELL, LLP

By:  45,334

Robert G. Weilacher, Reg. No 20,531  
1850 M Street, N.W., Suite 800  
Washington, D.C. 20036  
Telephone: (202) 659-2811  
Facsimile: (202) 263-4329

Dated: August 22, 2001  
RGW/PRD/BLN